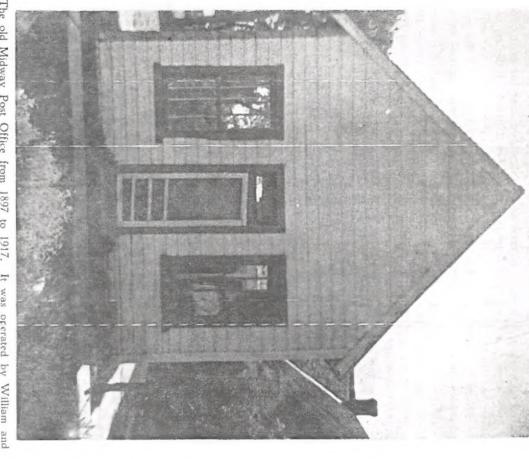
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The old Midway Post Office from 1897 to 1917. It was operated by William and Mary Watkins.

and tailing eyesight forced them to retire. small frame store building operated by her husband. William Watkins. They continued their store and post office until 1918 when poor health E. Watkins was appointed postmistress. Her office was located in a

usually averaging \$32 to \$37 a month, with a little more at Christmas paid only on a percentage of cancelled stamps, and the pay was small. Because Midway was only a fourth class post office, wages were

> might be closed. However a young widow, Mrs. Cora Vail Bigler, was wanted to work at the wage offered and it appeared that the post office encouraged to accept the assignment, which she did. The post office was moved to an old school building on the southeast corner of the public square which had been completely renovated for the new post office. When the Watkins' retired there was no immediate successor who

Burgener were her daughters, Juanita, Geneva and Doris. the children, was appointed to the office on July 21, 1921. Assisting Mrs. Mrs. Naomi Burgener, who had come to Midway earlier to assist with Mrs. Bigler served until 1921 when she remarried, and her sister

living quarters were also provided for the postmistress. the post office was moved into the east wing of the new Town Hall, and to the old German Hall during the time of construction. In July, 1938 post office building was selected as the site and the office had to be moved When the new Town Hall was being planned for construction, the

April 30, 1959. Mrs. Zenger is currently acting as postmistress with Zenger was appointed clerk and worked until Mrs. Burgener retired on chosen as a part time clerk in the post office. In 1958 Juanita Ross Mrs. Lucille Kohler as assistant. In 1945 Midway became a third class city, and Thelma Blood was

BOOSTERS CLUB

club, which became known as the Boosters Club. Reed Kohler was organizations, a large group of townspeople met to organize their own liam Haueter, second vice president and Roy Huffaker, secretary-treasurer elected the first president, with Francis Probst, first vice president, Wilties in organizing an association. After solicitations by several nationa chased Luke's Hot Pots, they invited Midway residents to use their faciliing a civic group, and when Joseph Erwin and his wife, Pauline, pur-1947. There had been considerable interest shown that year in organiz-Midway's civic service club, The Boosters Club, was organized in

a programmed theme to "Old Timers Live Again" drew many former residents back to the community. tion known as the Harvest Festival. A miniature parade was held, and September of 1947 the club had organized a highly successful celebra-Many committees were selected to serve for the first year, and by

again staged the Harvest Festival, and a program directed by Vonda Huntington entitled "The Good Ship Midway" brought back many and Fay Van Wagoner secretary-treasurer. During this year the group earth was hauled in preparatory to building a community flower garden. ings on the south west corner of the town square were torn down and talented people who had left Midway. Also during 1948 the old build-Huffaker was first vice president with Reed Kohler second vice president In 1948, the organization was headed by Francis Probst. Roy